

# eMARS Report Process Meeting

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# Meeting Agenda

- Welcome Aboard
- eMARS Reporting Key Changes
- Key Dates/Tasks – Agency Implementation Guide
- Training Plan
- Demo of infoAdvantage
- Questions



# eMARS Reporting Key Changes



# eMARS Reporting Key Changes

- Seagate & MRDB → infoAdvantage
- FAS → infoAdvantage
- ODBC (MS Access) → infoAdvantage
- Anyone can be a report designer
  - Seagate has 140 licenses for report designers
  - infoAdvantage is unlimited
- Accessible from Advantage – “single signon”
  - One user-id and password



# eMARS Reporting Key Changes

## What is infoAdvantage?

- Based on a software package named Business Objects (BO). Version 6.5
- Utilizes processes (ETL's) and data layouts (Universes) created by CGI-AMS
- Accessible from the Web (WebIntelligence – WebI)
- Thick Client is available
  - Only needed for joining Universes
  - Only a few licenses will be purchased
- GUI Based – Drag and Drop Development



# Key Dates/Tasks

## Agency Implementation Guide (AIG)



# eMARS Reporting Key Dates

## eMARS Reports Tasks

	10/20/2005	4/28/2006
• Assign eMARS Reports Lead, Team and Schedule Meetings	10/20/2005	11/14/2005
• Attend eMARS Agency-Specific Reporting Process Meeting	12/5/2005	12/9/2005
• Validate Agency-Specific Reports	10/20/2005	11/14/2005
• Prioritize Agency-Specific Reports	11/15/2005	11/30/2005
• Develop Reports Development Workplan	12/1/2005	12/16/2005
• Reports Developer Training	1/16/2006	1/31/2006
• Develop Agency Specific Reports	2/1/2006	4/28/2006



# eMARS Reporting Key Dates

## Validate and Prioritize

- Identify all reports, queries and extracts for your Department (Seagate, Excel, Access...)
- Verify that you still need the information
  - No longer used
  - Functionality replaced in eMARS
- Determine unique reports
  - Same report with multiple parameters
  - Same report with different Breaks



# eMARS Reporting Key Dates

## Validate and Prioritize

- Determine the priority of the Report
  - Needed day 1 (July 1 2006)
  - Daily, Monthly, Quarterly, Yearly....
  - Difficulty factor
    - Start earlier for the most difficult reports
    - Start with a simple report



# eMARS Reporting Key Dates

## Develop Work Plan

- After assigning a Priority and Difficulty Level to each report
  - Determine the number of resources/developers needed/available
  - Assign reports and due dates to developers
  - Try to assign similar reports to the same developer



# Training Plan



# eMARS Reporting Training Plan

- infoAdvantage training 1/16/06 – 1/31/06
  - Tuesday, 1/17/2006
  - Thursday, 1/19/2006
  - Tuesday, 1/24/2006
  - Thursday, 1/26/2006
- Universe Guide
  - Will be on eMARS website under Reports
    - <http://finance.ky.gov/internal/emars/default/>
  - Provides the elements in each Universe that have been created.
  - Development of new universes is ongoing



# eMARS Reporting Training Plan

- Books
  - “Business Objects – The Complete Reference”
    - Osborne
    - Cindi Howson
  - “Creating Documents with Business Objects”
    - Schmidt Inc.
    - Robert D.
- State-wide reports development
  - Volunteer Group
  - 2 weeks beginning 2/2/06
  - Another session possible late March



# Demo of infoAdvantage



Questions ???????

